

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-40, all of the claims in the subject U.S. application, as filed. Please also cancel claims 1-40 as provided by KBA under Article 19 on August 27, 2004. Please add new claims 41-80, as follows.

Claims 1-40 (Cancelled)

41. (New) A device adapted for storing a dressing having a length and adapted to be supplied to a cylinder of a rotary printing press comprising:

a first dressing storage position;

a holding device adapted to hold a dressing in said first storage position in a first operating state of said holding device;

at least first and second holding elements in said holding device; and

means changing at least one of said first and second holding elements into a second operating state, the dressing and the holding device being released from each other during said movement of said at least one of said first and second holding elements into said second operating state.

42. (New) The device of claim 41 wherein the dressing has at least two sides and said at least first and second holding elements hold the dressing along said at least two sides.

43. (New) The device of claim 42 wherein said at least two sides of the dressing are opposite each other.

44. (New) The device of claim 43 wherein said at least two sides of the dressing are spaced apart at a dressing side spacing distance, said holding elements, in said second

operating state being spaced at a holding element spacing distance greater than said dressing side spacing distance.

45. (New) The device of claim 41 further including a second dressing storage position spaced from said first dressing storage position.

46. (New) The device of claim 45 wherein in said second operating position, the dressing reaches said second storage position.

47. (New) The device of claim 41 wherein said holding device includes a guide rail.

48. (New) The device of claim 41 wherein the dressing has sides and wherein said holding device holds the dressing in a narrow area of said sides.

49. (New) The device of claim 41 wherein said holding device holds the dressing in said first storage position by supporting it vertically.

50. (New) The device of claim 41 wherein said holding device holds the dressing in said first storage position by one of electrical and magnetic force.

51. (New) The device of claim 41 further including a remote control device adapted to change said holding device from said first operating state into said second operating state.

52. (New) The device of claim 45 wherein said second storage position is located vertically underneath said first storage position.

53. (New) The device of claim 45 wherein at last said second storage position has an inclination of less than 15° with respect to a horizontal line.

54. (New) The device of claim 53 wherein said first storage position has an inclination of less than 15° in respect to a horizontal line.

55. (New) The device of claim 45 wherein said second storage position is located

horizontally oriented.

56. (New) The device of claim 41 wherein said first storage position is located horizontally oriented.

57. (New) The device of claim 45 wherein said second storage position is a support from which the dressing can be transferred to the cylinder.

58. (New) The device of claim 41 wherein said holding device supports the dressing along a length of the dressing.

59. (New) The device of claim 41 wherein said holding device supports the dressing along a width of the dressing.

60. (New) The device of claim 41 wherein said holding device includes a U-shaped bracket adapted to extend along sides of the dressing.

61. (New) The device of claim 41 further including means to move said holding device along an actuating path.

62. (New) The device of claim 61 wherein movement of said holding device along said actuating path removes vertical support from the dressing.

63. (New) The device of claim 61 wherein said actuating path has a length of between 2 mm and 10 mm.

64. (New) The device of claim 63 wherein said actuating path length is 4 mm.

65. (New) The device of claim 41 wherein said holding device is pivotable about a pivot axis.

66. (New) The device of claim 65 wherein the dressing to be held by said holding device includes dressing sides, said pivot axis extending parallel to said dressing sides.

67. (New) The device of claim 41 further including at least one pivot arm, said

holding device being attached to said at least one pivot arm.

68. (New) The device of claim 67 wherein the dressing has a surface and said pivot arm is pivotable in a plane defined by said dressing support surface.

69. (New) The device of claim 67 wherein said pivot arm has first and second oppositely located ends, one of said ends being connected with said holding device, the other of said ends being received to the device.

70. (New) The device of claim 67 wherein said pivot arm is a spring element which acts laterally on said holding device.

71. (New) The device of claim 67 wherein said pivot arm is a leaf spring.

72. (New) The device of claim 61 further including a drive mechanism adapted to move said holding element along said actuating path.

73. (New) The device of claim 72 wherein said drive mechanism is a controllable magnet.

74. (New) The device of claim 71 further including at least one stop extending perpendicularly with respect to a dressing support surface.

75. (New) The device of claim 74 wherein said stop is rigid.

76. (New) The device of claim 74 wherein the dressing includes a side engageable by said holding device, said dressing side resting against said stop while said holding device and said dressing are released from each other.

77. (New) The device of claim 74 further including a second dressing storage position, the dressing upon being released by said holding device reaching said second storage position by sliding along said stop.

- 78. (New) The device of claim 77 wherein said stop is oriented vertically downwardly.
- 79. (New) The device of claim 41 further including a dressing plane, the dressing maintaining its position in said dressing plane upon release from said holding element.
- 80. (New) The device of claim 45 wherein the dressing reaches said second storage position by the force of gravity.